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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to the examination of the identified application, please preliminarily amend the application, which claims priority to European Patent Application No. 00300741.6 filed January 31, 2000, as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-24 and substitute claims 25-56 in their place.

25. A method of distributing performance data concerning a plurality of subjects from a distribution site to a user site, the method comprising:

storing gathered performance data concerning each of the subjects in a central database, wherein the storing step comprises storing the gathered data to form a contiguous sequential block of historical data for each subject; and

on request from the user, providing a stream of historical data from the blocks in the central database such that a ticker tape of a plurality of graphical historical data charts can be displayed at the user's site, automatically and without user interaction.

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